

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 568
By Crutchfield

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Napoleon Bonaparte
Patton of Chattanooga.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Napoleon Bonaparte Patton; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Patton was an exemplary citizen and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow Tennesseans in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born in Chattanooga on October 11, 1919, he was the son of Joseph and Julia Broughton Patton; and

WHEREAS, a 1938 graduate of Howard High School, he attended Tuskegee Institute prior to enlisting in the United States Army; he made countless sacrifices and served gallantly in defense of our nation, advancing to the rank of 1st Sergeant; and

WHEREAS, deeply committed to acquiring and sharing the many benefits provided by education, Mr. Patton earned a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Tennessee A & I State College; he also completed additional graduate study at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville; and

WHEREAS, for more than thirty years, Mr. Patton served with acumen and alacrity as an educator in the public schools of Chattanooga, earning the respect and admiration of his peers and students alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, after taking a well-deserved retirement from the school system, he worked as a Sales and Service Agent with the Tennessee Valley Travel Agency; and

WHEREAS, a devout Christian, he was a lifelong member of the Saint Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church, where he served faithfully as a Trustee and CEO of the South Chattanooga Gateway Corporation; and

WHEREAS, an active member of his community, he was a member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, affiliated with the Progressive Teachers Federal Credit Union, and served on the Board of the Mental Health Association; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Patton was also deeply committed to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, he cherished the loving companionship of his wife of fifty-eight years, Ora L. Patton, and was the devoted father of Bruce E. Patton, Vincinetta Brown, Monica Taylor, and Julia Ingram; he was also the proud grandfather of ten grandchildren: Mia, Robinetta, and Robert Vincent Brown; Bruce Elliot and Allison Patton; Eryn, Lauryn, and Justin Taylor; and Julian Charles and Jordan Alexander Ingram; and of four great-grandchildren, Raymond and Arianna Monterrosa and Marissa Pham and Shelby Patton; and

WHEREAS, Napoleon Bonaparte Patton leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Napoleon Bonaparte Patton, reflecting fondly

upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Patton.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.